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SUBJECT:GATT ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS - AUSTRALIA

REF: GENEVA 2960; TSC 74-9, 3/15/74

1. US ACCEPTS AUSTRALIA OFFER TO REDUCE MFN DUTY ON ITEM  
90.07.300, TRIPODS, FROM 55 PERCENT TO 30 PERCENT AND BIND.

2. AS NO TRADE COVERAGE AVAILABLE FOR TWO SEPARATE EX-OUTS  
FOR ITEM 90.09.900, PROJECTORS OTHER, IMPOSSIBLE EVALUATE  
TRADE IMPACT PROPOSED DIVISION OF DUTIES. HOWEVER, US  
WOULD AGREE TO SINGLE REDUCTION FROM 17.5 PERCENT MFN TO 10  
PERCENT MFN WITH BINDING OF NEW 10 PERCENT MFN RATE. IN US  
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VIEW THIS IS MODEST DUTY REDUCTION REQUEST AND REPRESENTS

SUBSTANTIAL CONCESSION FROM EARLIER REQUEST FOR DUTY FREE BINDING. FOR THIS REASON IT SHOULD BE CONVEYED TO GOA AS FIRM MINIMUM REQUEST. WE COULD NOT AGREE TO MFN DUTY INCREASE AS COMPENSATION FOR DUTY INCREASES AND UNBINDINGS OF EARLIER NEGOTIATED CONCESSIONS.

3. WE ALSO QUESTION GOA REASONING MAINTAIN BRITISH PREFERENTIAL RATES ON 90.07.300 AND 90.09.900 IN VIEW FACT PREFERENCES FOR AUSTRALIAN GOODS IN UK MARKET BEING ENDED. GOA SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED USE OPPORTUNITY OF CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS TO END PREFERENCES ON CONCESSION ITEMS EVEN THOUGH TRADE IS SMALL. IT WOULD NOT SEEM CONTINUATION SUCH PREFERENCES MARGINS EVEN AT REDUCED RATES ANY LONGER IN GOA INTEREST.
4. IF GOA AGREES IMPROVE OFFER ALONG LINES REQUESTED US PREPARED CONCLUDE ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATION THIS BASIS. KISSINGER

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